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Lester A. Snow Calfed Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

I write to request an offical extension of the public comment period for The Eco-System Restoration Plan, which directly affects a portion of the Eighth Assembly District.

This plan discusses many aspects of the Yolo County watersheds, yet appears to have been created without input from local jurisdictions and to have been published without notice to them. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors only procured a copy of the plan by accident.

As an affected agency, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors requests sufficient time for staff and board review of the restoration plan. The recommendations of your agency need to be analyzed with respect to local policies and goals. Workshops and public hearings also are called for in order to discuss the possible impacts of the Calfed recommendations and to assure that the integrity of Yolo County watersheds will be maintained if the plan is implemented. A 90-day extension would allow for an effective local response to occur. Additionally, I encourage Calfed to meet with representatives of Yolo County to discuss The Eco-System Restoration Plan process. In this way I believe the goals and responsibilities of your respective jurisdictions can be better accommodated and a mutually beneficial outcome achieved.

Thank you for your timely attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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